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Sec. 17. Audiometer Tests. The governing body of every school corporation shall annually conduct an audiometer test or a similar test to determine the hearing efficiency of all school children in the first, fourth, seventh and tenth grades, of all transferred school children and of all school children suspected of having hearing defects. A governing body may appoint the technicians and assistants necessary to perform the testing required under this section. Records of all tests shall be made and continuously maintained in order to provide information which may assist in diagnosing and treating any child's auditory abnormality. However, diagnosis and treatment shall be performed only on recommendation of an Indiana physician who has examined the child. The local governing body may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this section.

(Formerly: Acts 1973, P.L.218, SEC.1.)

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Sec. 18. (a) Whenever the test required under section 17 of this chapter discloses that the hearing of any child is impaired and the child cannot be taught advantageously in regular classes, the governing body of the school corporation shall provide appropriate remedial measures and correctional devices. The governing body shall advise the child's parents of the proper medical care, attention, and treatment needed. The governing body shall provide approved mechanical auditory devices and prescribe courses in lip reading by qualified, competent and approved instructors. The superintendent of public instruction and the head of the rehabilitative services bureau of the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services shall cooperate with school corporations to provide this assistance; they shall also provide advice and information to assist school corporations in complying with this section. The local governing body may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this section.

(b) Each school corporation may receive and accept bequests and donations for immediate use or as trusts or endowments to assist in meeting costs and expenses incurred in complying with the requirements of this section. When funds for the full payment of these expenses are not otherwise available, in any school corporation, any unexpended balance in the state treasury which is available for the use of local schools and is otherwise unappropriated may be loaned to the school corporation for that purpose by the governor. Any loan made by the governor under this section shall be repaid to the fund in the state treasury from which it came within two (2) years after the date it was advanced. These loans shall be repaid through the levying of taxes in the borrowing school corporation.

(Formerly: Acts 1973, P.L.218, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.41-1987, SEC.18; P.L.2-1992, SEC.715; P.L.4-1993, SEC.255; P.L.5-1993, SEC.268.